



**Testimony for the House
Regulatory Reform Committee
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding HB 4730. This bill requiring hotels to place carbon monoxide detectors in each room is an onerous regulation that will be very costly to Michigan's hospitality industry and to the State of Michigan to enforce. The Detroit Regional Chamber represents over 23,000 members in southeast Michigan. Our membership and partner base represent a wide variety of businesses and industries – all of whom could be affected directly or indirectly by any additional regulation. We are here today to oppose the bill before you.

This type of regulation will come at a significant cost to the business owner. This poses an important question during tough economic times: Can the state and the individuals doing business in Michigan afford the added cost of new regulations? While many industries in Michigan have struggled, leisure and hospitality service businesses have grown. Michigan should be working to encourage the growth of these industries, not institute burdensome regulations that will further hinder a business's ability to thrive in this state.

While we fully support maintaining safe and healthy hotels, we have found no evidence of any specific instances in Michigan related to carbon monoxide poisoning that would necessitate this regulation. Further, the House Fiscal Agency estimates that it could cost the state \$1 million annually to enforce this regulation. Given our state's economic crisis, this is unnecessary regulation that neither our businesses nor our state can afford.

We strongly encourage a no vote on the bill before you. Please feel free to contact me regarding any questions on our position. Thank you.

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